

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An apparatus for connecting fluid flowlines to a (5) floating vessel. The apparatus comprises a floating transfer structure supporting a plurality of fluid pipelines. A plurality of flexible fluid conduits (2) each have a proximal end attached to the transfer structure in fluid communication with the pipelines 10 and a distal end attached to a common connector (4) for releasably engaging with the floating vessel. The connector has a longitudinal axis which is substantially vertical in use, and is secured to a manipulator means (7) mounted on the transfer (15) structure. The manipulator means is configured to allow the connector to rotate and to translate in two mutually perpendicular planes.

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